

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 6, 7, 10, 12-14, 29, 30, 33, 35-37, and 49-60 are pending in the present application, with Claims 6, 7, 10, 12, 14, 29, 30, 33, 35, 37, 49-52, 54-58, and 60 being the independent claims. Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 11, 15-28, 31, 32, 34, and 38-48 have been cancelled without prejudice.

The Examiner objected to the Abstract. A new Abstract has been presented which omits the objected to language. Favorable consideration is requested.

Since all remaining claims have been indicated as being allowed, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the objection set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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